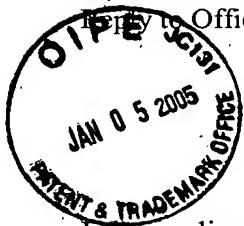


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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action having a mail date of September 30, 2004. Please amend the application and consider the remarks as follows:

A Listing of the Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

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